

Current Events Article Rubric					
	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Poor	Total Points Available
Quality of Discussion Board Contribution	Provides useful and thoughtful ideas when posting comments and responds to at least 2 other peer comments with thoughtful feedback	Comments useful and thoughtful; however, responses to peers are brief and/or incomplete	Provides only brief discussion of ideas and responds to only 1 peer comment	Only provides brief comments on discussion topic with no peer responses.	20
Scientific Language Usage	Uses scientific language proficiently and correctly in comments	Uses scientific language, but may have errors in definition/application of terms	Attempts to use scientific language, severely incorrect definitions	No attempt to use scientifically appropriate language in response	15
Answers Questions Provided	Thoughtfully answered three article questions provided	Solid answers to three article questions provided, more thought could have been contributed	Provides only brief answers to each of the questions provided	Answers are incomplete and/or brief and not in complete sentences	25
Physics Relevance	Thoughtfully considers and explains the topics we have discussed in physics and how it is related to current events topic.	Provides examples of topics that were covered in class that may be relevant, but does not adequately explain relationship.	Attempts to provide examples of relevant physics topics; however, incorrect in use to physics to explain current event article.	Does not provide any connection between current events article and physics discussed in class.	20
State Opinion and Justify	Clearly expresses an opinion if for or against topic discussed in current events article and a thoughtful justification.	Clearly expresses an opinion if for or against topic discussed in current events article and a brief justification.	Unclear about opinion expressed and minimal justification.	No opinion clearly stated and no justification.	20
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE =					100